GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF MAIZE .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the production of maize has fallen in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) The steps being taken to increase the production of Maize?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Barring the years 2002-03 which was drought affected and 2004-05 in which rainfall was 13% less than normal, production of maize has shown a rising trend. Production of maize in the country for last five years is given in the table below:

(Million Tonnes)

Year	Production
2001-02	13.16
2002-03	11.15
2003-04	14.98
2004-05	14.17
2005-06	15.09

4th advance estimates

State-wise details for the years 2001-02 to 2005-06 are given in the Annexure.

(c): In order to increase the production and productivity of Maize, Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize

(ISOPOM). Under the Scheme, assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seeds, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, supply of rhizobium culture/ phosphate solubilising bacterial, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, publicity, etc, to encourage farmers to grow maize. In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and front line demonstrations through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).